

Interagency Group/Countermeasures

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, SENIOR INTERAGENCY GROUP
(INTELLIGENCE)


SUBJECT: Proposed Policy Memorandum Regarding Foreign-owned
U.S. Firms Involved in Classified Government Contracts

As one of its areas for policy review, the Interagency Group/Countermeasures surveyed existing policy in the area of industrial security. It concluded there was no uniform policy statement with respect to the provision of classified information to U.S. contractors under foreign ownership, control or influence. Moreover, it determined that some federal agencies with information bearing upon such foreign ownership, control or influence, were often reluctant to provide such data to security organizations for purposes of assessing the threat of compromise of the information held by such firms.

To address these perceived problems, a proposed NSC policy memorandum was developed, and is attached at TAB A. This form of issuance was seen by the IG/CM as preferable to amending Executive Order 12356 on security classification.

Recommend this policy statement be transmitted to SIG-I principals for their concurrence/comment in lieu of formally convening to address this subject.

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General, USA (Ret.)
Chairman

Attachment 1
As stated